

A/ 13. The method according to claim 12, which comprises crimping the connector onto the branch upon detecting a presence of an end of the branch in the crimping station. --

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Remarks:

The preliminary amendment is being filed in an effort to present an application in proper U.S. format and to present claims in proper U.S. claim idiom for examination.

The newly entered claims are fully supported in the original claims, which were the subject of the Preliminary International Examination Report.

An early action on the merits of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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